

16th Sunday after Pentecost

The Mass

13 September 2026



Sebastiano Domenico Fetti. The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Around 1619-1621.
Oil on poplar, 55 x 44 cm. Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister, Dresden.

Lutheran Church of St Andrew the Apostle

Wickham Terrace Brisbane

We acknowledge that our loving Creator God first gave the land on which we are placed to the Turrbal and Jagera peoples of the First Nations who have walked and cared for this land since before recorded time. We thank God for the land's Traditional Custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

The congregation stands as the minister approaches the altar.

M In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION

M Dear friends in Christ. Let us confess our sins to God and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

The congregation sits. A brief silence for reflection and self-examination is kept.

We confess **that we are born in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart,
and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

M As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive the sins of all of you who repent and believe, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. **Amen.**

HYMN TIS 200

The congregation sits.

1 In you is gladness
in all our sadness,
Jesus, joy of every heart;
by you are given
blessings from heaven,
true Redeemer, our delight.
Our sins you've taken,
our bonds you've broken;
trusting you surely,
we build securely,
we stand for ever. Hallelujah!
Our hearts are turning
to you with yearning,
on you relying,
living or dying,
we're yours for ever. Halleluiah!

2 In you is calmness;
nothing can harm us:
world, or death, or Satan's plans.
In our distresses
you see and bless us;
you have all things in your hands.
Our heart rejoices,
we lift our voices,
singing your glory,
telling your story
now and for ever. Hallelujah!
With adoration,
in celebration,
we love and praise you,
eagerly raise you
glad hymns for ever. Hallelujah!

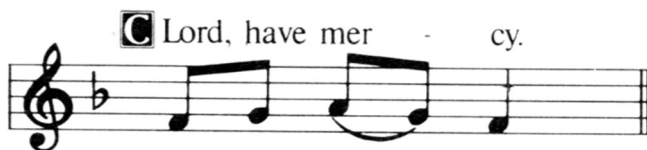
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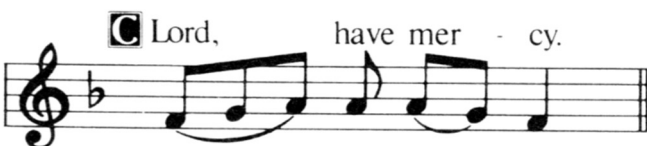
KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

The congregation stands.

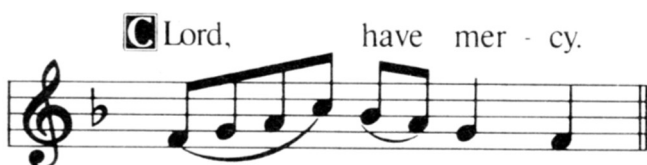
M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



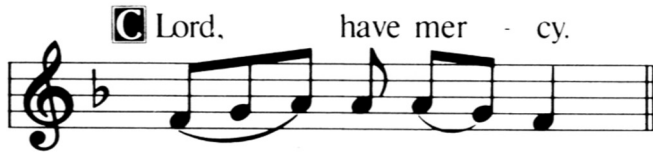
M For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



M For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

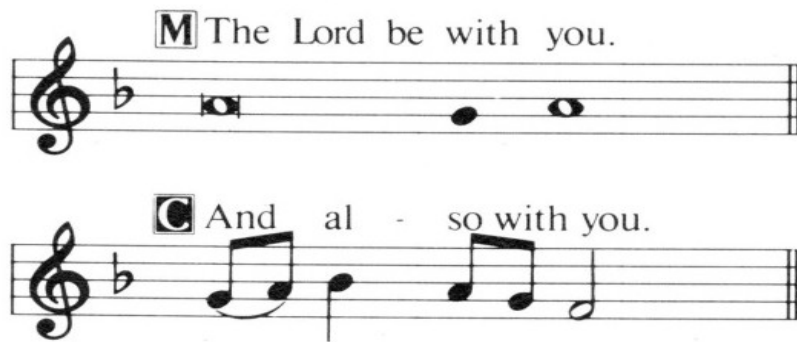


THE HYMN OF PRAISE

The hymn of praise is sung.

- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
- This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



M O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

C Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation sits.

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21 Joseph is reconciled with his brothers

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 103

The cantor chants the psalm, and the congregation joins in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 103:1-13, 22

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- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **Antiphon.**

- ⁶ The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever. **Antiphon.**
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. **Antiphon.**
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. **Antiphon.**

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12 The strong and the weak faith

After the reading:

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (HYMN OF THE DAY) TIS 648

The congregation sits.

1 Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are *ourselves* accepted
and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all – not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

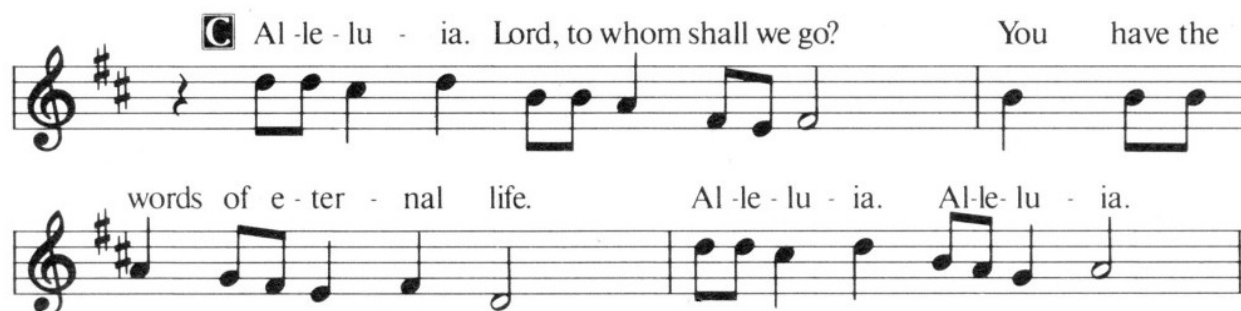
3 Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practise your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table* of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

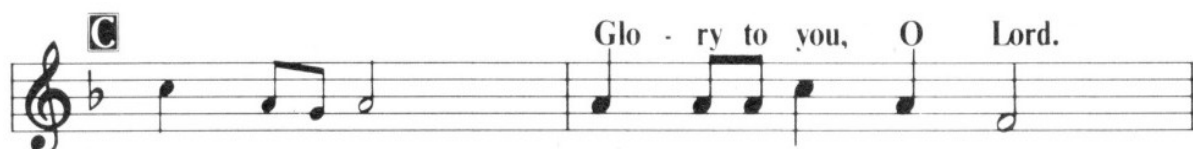
*The 70 times table is in Matthew 18:21-22: 'seventy times seven'.
Frederik Herman Kaan 1929-

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35 Parable of the unforgiving servant

The congregation stands

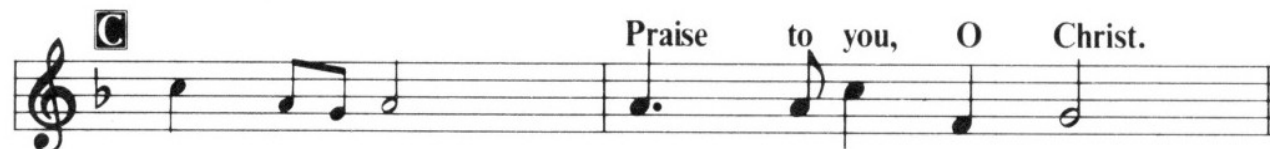


The gospel is announced.



The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

M The gospel of the Lord.



The congregation sits after the reading of the gospel.

SERMON

A brief silence is kept after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The congregation stands.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The congregation sits. A brief silence is kept.

M Let us pray...

After each petition:

M in your mercy

C hear our prayer.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN LHS 875

The congregation sits.

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.

2 There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4 But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

5 If our love were but more simple
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.

OFFERTORY

The congregation stands as the Offering is brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

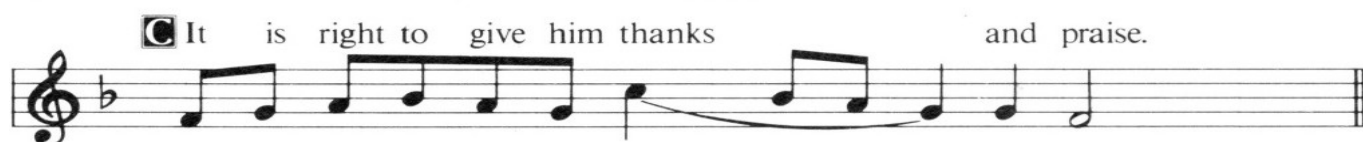
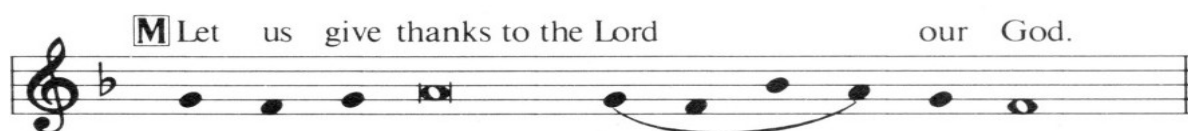
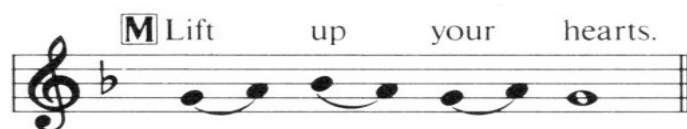
THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The congregation stands.

M Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,
that what each has offered to the honour of your name
may serve the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CALL TO THANKSGIVING AND SANCTUS

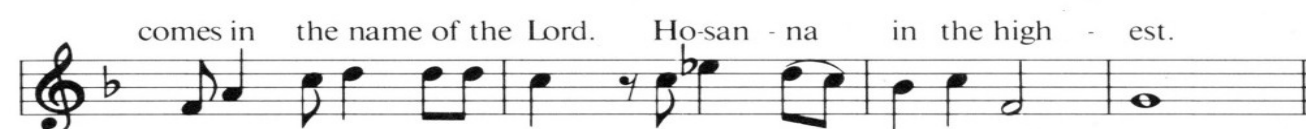
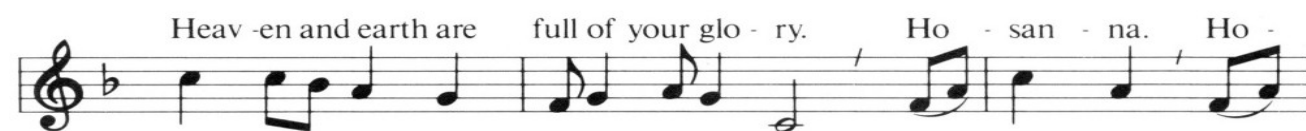
The congregation stands.



M It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this day he overcame death by his resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with you.

And so, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name and join their unending hymn:



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M All praise and thanks be to you, eternal God, holy Father, together with your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things. We thank you for calling and rescuing your chosen people. Above all we thank and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old and sending your Son Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection for our salvation we remember as he comes to us in this holy meal.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M Send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may live as true members of the body of your Son.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

M Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



LORD'S PRAYER

M As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

PEACE

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Worshippers are invited to pass the peace with those around them.

LAMB OF GOD

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square icon in a circle. The second and third staves have a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

DISTRIBUTION

Christ invites us to his table. All baptised Christians who believe they receive Jesus's body and blood for their forgiveness and good are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

*Receive **the bread, the Body of Christ**, in your open hands.*

*Then, proceed to receive **the wine, the Blood of Christ** for our salvation. The common cup is our standard practice; individual cups are provided for those who are unwell or have health concerns.*

*You may say **Amen** in response to the words spoken.*

*The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***

*The Blood of Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. **Amen.***

*All wafers distributed to the congregation are **low-gluten** (except the large host held by the presiding minister).*

If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands in front of your chest, and a word of blessing will be offered.

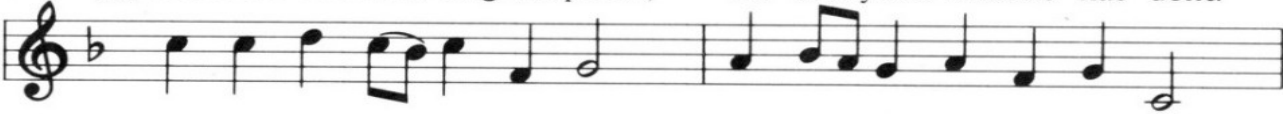
DISMISSAL

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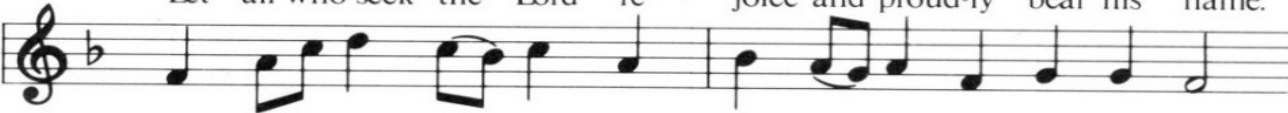
M May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood, strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION SONG

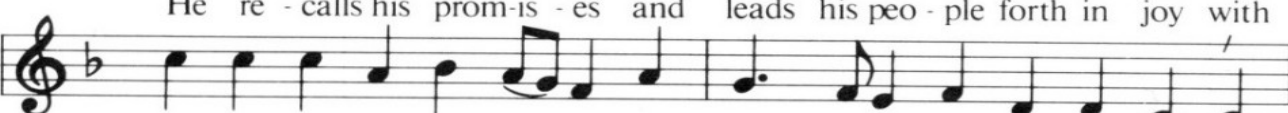
☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ery-one what he has done.



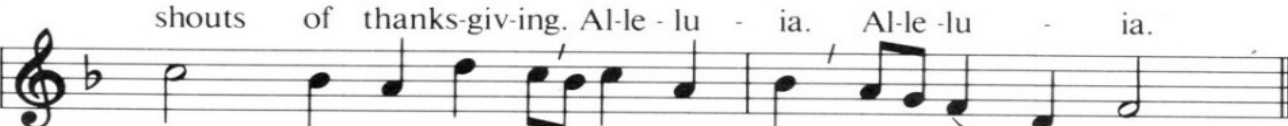
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le -lu - ia.



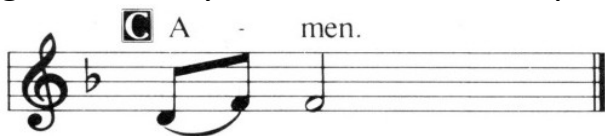
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

M Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION (BLESSING)

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.



FINAL HYMN LHS 845

1 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken,
let ears that now have heard your songs
to clamour never waken.

2 Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
keep free from all deceiving,
the eyes which saw your love be bright,
your blessed hope perceiving.

3 The feet that tread the holy courts
from your light do not banish,
the bodies by your body fed
with your new life replenish.

Hayyel Maram idhe daphshat, Asc. Ephraim the Syrian c. 306-373
Tr. Charles William Humphreys 1840-1921 and Percy Deamer 1867-1936
Alt. The Australian Hymn Book 1977

DISMISSAL

M Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgy and worship sources:

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Please feel free to take this service sheet with you.

We are glad you were here today. If you would like someone to contact you later, or to receive our weekly newsletter, please talk to one of the ministers or ushers.

Please join us for some time together over morning tea!

Candles are available should you wish to use the candle bowl in memory of a loved one.

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